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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

Re: Untied States Patent Application No. 09/679,353

For: UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER

Filed: October 5, 2000 Art Group Unit 1744 Applicant: Conrad et al.

According to the records of the Office, this application is a division of application 09/239,860. However, as set out in the text of the application, application 09/239,860 itself is a CIP of application number 09/227,534. The applicant request that the records of the Patent Office be updated to reflect this priority claims which have been recognized by the Examiner. The applicant attaches a revised application data sheet which sets out the priority claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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